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## New Nonstop Service Between Fairbanks and Chicago Begins in June 2013 United to Operate Daily Seasonal Service

(*Fairbanks*, *AK*) – United today announced plans to launch nonstop service between its Chicago hub and Fairbanks, Alaska, with daily flights beginning June 6 through August 26, 2013. The new flights will operate with Boeing 737-800 aircraft with 154 seats. Chicago O'Hare is consistently one of North America's busiest airports servicing more than 67 million passengers and 200 destinations around the globe.

"United Airlines is pleased to add new service to Chicago in 2013 after starting service to the city via Denver (DEN) this past year", said Jim Ferea, United's managing director of domestic planning. "These new flights will increase convenience and choice for travel between the Golden Heart City and the Midwest and Eastern US."

Besides adding the new flights to Chicago this year, United is also expanding the season for the DEN flights by starting those on May 13, 2013 and operating those until September 14, 2013. This increase is about 5 weeks longer than the 2012 service in the market.

"The airport is excited about the expansion of United Airlines' services to Fairbanks," said Angie Spear, Division Operations Manager for Fairbanks International Airport. "This link to both domestic and international markets through United's hubs in Chicago and Denver will offer Alaskans and visitors alike global connectivity previously unavailable."

"United's announcement is a fresh breath of optimism for travel industry recovery since unprecedented declines in 2009," said Deb Hickok, President and CEO of the Fairbanks Convention and Visitors Bureau. "This air lift from a major hub will go a long way to further access to and from Alaska's Interior."

The new flights will be available for sale at united.com and through other distribution systems later today.

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## **About the FCVB**

The Fairbanks Convention and Visitors Bureau is a non-profit marketing organization whose mission is to be an economic driver in the Fairbanks region by marketing to potential visitors and optimizing the visitor experience. The FCVB markets Fairbanks as a year-round destination by promoting local events, attractions and activities to independent travelers, group tour operators, travel agents, meeting planners and the media. Find out more at explorefairbanks.com.

## **About United**

United Airlines and United Express operate an average of 5,557 flights a day to 378 airports on six continents United operates nearly 700 mainline aircraft and has orders for more than 270 new aircraft deliveries through 2022. In 2012, United was the first North American airline to take delivery of new Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft. United was rated the world's most admired airline on FORTUNE magazine's 2012 airline-industry list of the World's Most Admired Companies.